

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER.

*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 16-07, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Qatar for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$260 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

J.W. RIXEY,
Vice Admiral, USN, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-07

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Qatar.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$227 million.

Other \$33 million.

Total \$260 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Two-hundred and fifty-two (252) RIM 116C-2 Rolling Airframe Tactical Missiles.

Two (2) RIM 116C-2 Rolling Airframe Telemetry Missiles.

Also included are the following non-MDE items; support equipment, publications, technical documentation, personnel training, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, live fire test event support, and other related integration elements. The estimated cost is \$260 million.

(iv) Military Department: U.S. Navy (A&D).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Delivered to Congress: April 21, 2016.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Qatar—RIM-116C and RIM-116C-2 Rolling Airframe Missiles

The Government of Qatar has requested a possible sale of two-hundred and fifty-two (252) RIM-116C Rolling Airframe Tactical Missiles, and two (2) RIM 116C-2 Rolling Airframe Telemetry Missiles. Also included are support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, live fire test event support, and other related integration elements. The total estimated value of MDE is \$227 million. The overall total estimated value is \$260 million.

This proposed sale contributes to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country. Qatar is an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Persian Gulf region. This proposed sale will provide Qatar with military capabilities to protect its naval forces and nearby oil/gas infrastructure from air and missile threats. Qatar will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment, services, and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems in Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips by U.S. Government and contractor representatives to participate in program and technical reviews, system integration, as well as training and maintenance support in country for a period of thirty-six (36) months.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

The RIM-116C Rolling Airframe Missile is an autonomous (i.e., "fire and forget") lightweight, supersonic, surface-to-air tactical missile for ship self-defense against current and evolving anti-ship cruise missile threats. Advanced technology in the RIM-116C includes dual-mode RF/IR (radio frequency/infrared) guidance with IR all-the-way capability for non-emitting threats. The highest classification of the hardware, embedded software, and maintenance is CONFIDENTIAL. The RIM-116C-2 is a non-tactical telemetry round, used primarily for test and training purposes; it includes an unclassified telemeter which replaces the warhead section. The data set, generated by R1114-116C-2 is UNCLASSIFIED.

The Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM) is a product of a cooperative program with Germany and has been executed, since 1976, under a series of governing Memoranda of Understanding/Memoranda of Agreements (MOU/MOAs) for the development, production, and in-service support between the United States and Germany.

A determination has been made that the Government of Qatar can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Qatar.

HONORING JOHN E.
ULMSCHNEIDER

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I recognize the tragic death of a Marylander. John E. Ulmschneider of the Prince George's Fire/EMS Department was killed in the line of duty on Friday, April 15, 2016.

John Ulmschneider is survived by his wife and daughter. He was known to his friends and colleagues as "Skillet," a nickname he received after sustaining an injury in high school. It was while he was attending Surrattsville High School in Clinton, MD, that John decided to dedicate his life to serving others as firefighter.

Before graduating high school, John Ulmschneider worked on the farm of a family friend. It was on that farm that he met Dawn, and the two would later get married. A colleague fondly re-

membered him as "a hard-working country boy." He enjoyed helping people. Personally and professionally, he was selfless and generous. This altruism made him not only a good person, but an ideal public servant.

John Ulmschneider worked out of the Landover Hills Fire/EMS Station 830. He was a 13-year veteran of the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department and was described as dedicated, humble, and funny. The Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department is composed of nearly 2,000 volunteers, career professionals, and support personnel covering approximately 580 square miles and protecting almost 900,000 people. Marylanders should take solace in knowing that John was able to leave his mark on a department with such immense responsibilities.

Maryland's first responders are some of the best in the country. Their dedication, bravery, and skill are worthy of the highest praise. John Ulmschneider had all of these traits in abundance.

I thank the Ulmschneider family for sharing John with the people of Prince George's County. I also thank John's fellow first responders and staff at Med Star Southern Maryland Hospital Center in Clinton, MD, for doing their utmost to save John. His legacy will never be forgotten, and I join the people of Prince George's County in mourning his loss.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN COMPTON

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Stephen Compton for his hard work as an intern in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Stephen is a native of Utah. He currently attends Utah State University, where he studies communications and political science. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Stephen for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

TRIBUTE TO HOLLY HEUSSNER

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Holly Heussner for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Holly is a native of Sugar Land, Texas. She recently graduated from the

University of Wyoming, where she received a degree in international relations. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Holly for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

TRIBUTE TO GABRIEL LEPINSKI

● Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Gabriel Lepinski for his hard work as an intern in the Republican Policy Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Gabe is a native of Illinois. He currently attends the University of Kansas, where he studies political science and Arabic. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Gabe for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

TRIBUTE TO KYLE PALADINO

● Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Kyle Paladino for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Kyle is a native of New Jersey. He currently attends the University of Georgia, where he studies political science. Kyle will attend the University of Georgia School of Law this fall. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Kyle for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

TRIBUTE TO NOLAN RAP

● Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Nolan Rap for his hard work as an intern in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. I

recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Nolan is a native of Cheyenne and a graduate of Cheyenne East High School. He currently attends the University of Wyoming, where he studies political science and Russian. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Nolan for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.●

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE KELLER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Christine Keller, an intern in my Sioux Falls, SD, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Christine is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, Christine is attending Augustana University, where she is majoring in government, international affairs, and economics. Christine is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of her experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Christine Keller for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3724. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service from rehiring any employee of the Internal Revenue Service who was involuntarily separated from service for misconduct.

H.R. 4890. An act to impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the In-

ternal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3724. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service from rehiring any employee of the Internal Revenue Service who was involuntarily separated from service for misconduct; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 4890. An act to impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy; to the Committee on Finance.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1206. An act to prohibit the hiring of additional Internal Revenue Service employees until the Secretary of the Treasury certifies that no employee of the Internal Revenue Service has a seriously delinquent tax debt.

H.R. 4885. An act to require that user fees collected by the Internal Revenue Service be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5184. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting a request relative to issuing a travel restriction on senior officials' travel to Afghanistan for the period of June 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5185. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "2013 Workplace and Equal Opportunity Survey of Active Duty Members"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5186. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Determination of Portable Air Conditioners as a Covered Consumer Product" (RIN1904-AD02) (Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-STD-0033) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 19, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5187. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Skokomish River Basin Ecosystem Restoration project in Mason County, Washington, for the purpose of aquatic ecosystem restoration; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.